

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

5 Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for aiding generating a test plan for a quality control task management, procedure, the  
test plan having a hierarchical structure comprising:  
10 ~~a first top level identifying the test plan;~~  
~~a first intermediate level comprising at least a test report~~  
~~file of the test plan; and~~  
~~a first lower level comprising at least a test item file~~  
~~for each test report file, each test item file comprising~~  
15 ~~testing steps for performing a test of an item;~~  
~~wherein the first top level is used to access the associated~~  
~~test report files of the test plan, and each test report~~  
~~file is used to access the associated test item files;~~  
the method comprising:  
20 providing a computer system comprising a memory, a processor,  
and a display, the memory comprising a browser, a  
conversion system, and a template archive, the template  
archive comprising at least a template, each template  
having a hierarchical structure comprising:  
25 ~~a second top level for identifying the template;~~  
~~a second an intermediate level for identifying at least~~  
~~a sub-process of the template; and~~  
~~a second lower level comprising at least a template~~  
~~item file for each sub-process, each template item~~  
30 ~~file comprising testing steps for performing a test~~  
~~of an item;~~  
wherein the ~~second~~ top level is used to access the

associated sub-processes of the template, and each sub-process is used to access the associated template item files;

utilizing the browser providing a selection system, the

5 ~~selection system enabling a user to select a template from the template archive, select a sub-process from the template, and select a template item file from the sub-process; and~~

~~providing a conversion system that converts the selected~~  
10 ~~template, sub-process, and template item file into a corresponding test plan;~~

the conversion system accepting from the browser a selection list comprising those items which have been selected;

the conversion system copying the selected template item  
15 files to create new test item files;

the conversion system creating a new test report file for each selected sub-process, each new test report file having a link to the associated newly created test item file; and

20 the conversion system creating a new top level associated with the newly-created test report files;

~~wherein the user uses the selection system to create a hierarchical selection list by selecting a~~

~~template, at least a sub-process of the template, and at least a template item file for each selected~~

25 ~~sub-process, and the conversion system creates a product test plan according to the selection~~

~~list, the product test plan having a corresponding test report file for each selected~~

30 ~~sub-process, and a corresponding test item file for each selected template item file, the~~

hierarchical structure of the new top level, the

new test report files, and the new test item files  
~~product test plan conforming~~ conforms to the  
hierarchical structure of the selection list.

5 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the  
hierarchical structure of the new top level, the new test  
report files, and the new test item files ~~product test plan~~  
is a tree structure.

10 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising  
utilizing the new top level to manage quality control tasks.  
~~wherein the conversion system copies the contents of each~~  
~~selected template item file to create the test item files~~  
~~of the product test plan.~~

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Claims 4-14 (Cancelled)

15. (New) A computer system for generating a quality control  
test plan, the computer system comprising:

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a display;

a processor; and

a memory comprising:

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a template archive comprising at least one template,  
each template hierarchical in structure and having  
a top first level comprising a template name and at  
least one second level, each second level comprising  
access to at least one test report file associated  
with the template and at least one third level, each  
third level comprising at least a template item file  
having details and instructions for performing a  
specific test associated with the test report file;  
a graphical browser capable of allowing a user to view and/or

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select from the display any level of any template in the template archive; and

a conversion system for execution by the processor, the conversion system accepting from the browser those levels which have been selected by the user and generating a quality control test plan having a new top first level comprising the selected second and third levels in the original hierarchical order.

10 16. (New) The system of claim 15 wherein the hierarchical structure of the quality control test plan is a tree structure.

15 17. (New) The system of claim 15 wherein the conversion system copies the contents of each selected template item file to create the test item files in the third level of the generated quality control test plan.

20 18. (New) The system of claim 15 wherein the conversion system creates a test report file for each selected second level.

25 19. (New) The system of claim 18 wherein the conversion system places at least a link in the test report file, each link being used to access a test item file.

30 20. (New) The system of claim 19 wherein when the user views a test report file, the links in the test report file are presented as hyperlinks, and each hyperlink enables the user to instruct the viewer to present the associated test item file.